



USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agriculture Information Network

Template Version 2.08

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 10/21/2003

GAIN Report Number: IN3102

India

FAIRS Product Specific

Amendment to the PFA Rule relating to Waxing of Fresh Fruits

2003

Approved by:

Chad R. Russell
U.S. Embassy, FASNEWDELHI

Prepared by:

V. Shunmugam

Report Highlights:

On August 13, 2003, the Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, issued a final Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), prohibiting sale of fresh fruits and vegetables coated with waxes, mineral oils and colors. If implemented, these amendments would have a significant negative impact on US exports of fresh fruits such as apples, etc.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
New Delhi [IN1]
[IN]

Introduction: This report summarizes the second amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, that prohibits the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables that are not free from rotting and not free from coating with waxes, mineral oils and colors.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final Notification amending the PFA Rules, 1955.

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** August 13, 2003
- **Time period for receiving Comments/Suggestions:** NA

Comments/suggestions should be addressed to: NA

Products Affected: Fresh fruits and vegetables.

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI

Proposed Major Changes:

Rule No. 48 E – “ Sale of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – The fresh fruits and vegetables shall be free from rotting and free from coating of waxes, mineral oil and colours”

This change also equally applies to imported fresh fruits and vegetables meant for sale in the domestic market.

The Draft Notification is available at: [http://mohfw.nic.in/656\(E\)Dated13.8.03.pdf](http://mohfw.nic.in/656(E)Dated13.8.03.pdf)

For More Information: Contact the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration web site: <http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm>

This website is mentioned for readers' convenience; USDA does **NOT** in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained in the above site.